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Thanks

.. To those who supported our Junior Swimming Sports and Team Duathlon events this week.
.. Those who attended or sent a plate of food for this week's visit to Comrie Park Kindergarten.

People of the week

.. Tegan, Magan, Ollie and James for doing such a wonderful job helping our junior swimmers this week.
.. Mrs Crawford .. in the pool again with the juniors.
.. Mr Palmer for our new worm farm.
.. Those children who have qualified for the Interschool Swimming Sports - Good luck!

Please keep us informed of the achievements of present and past pupils so that we can celebrate these together.

Term Events

.. coming events in brief.
13 March Keeping Ourselves Safe programme under way (2 weeks)
13 March Interschool Swimming Competitions (W.I.S.) pp 20.3
15 March School Swimming Sports
21 March Year 7/8 team triathlon (Marsden Cove)
22 March Year 7/8 HPV and tetanus vaccinations
25 March Year 7/8 individual triathlon (Onerahi Foreshore)
5 April Final day term 1

School Swimming Sports

Please accept this cordial invitation to attend our School Swimming Sports on Thursday 15 March. Approximate times are as follows ..

10:45 Freestyle Races
11:40 Backstroke Races
12:25 Breaststroke Races
12:50 LUNCH
1:30 Relays
2:20 Novelty Races
2:30 Prize Giving

Remember times are approximate. Special thanks to Omak Meats who are sponsoring this year's event.

The seniors will host a sausage sizzle as part of their fund-raising and so please bring along some change.

Parents Relay Team

If interested in swimming in a parents' relay team at our school swimming sports please give Mr D a call on Monday.

Bark - senior playground

If anyone knows where we might access affordable (suitable grade) bark for our senior adventure playground please give Kevin a call next week. Ideas welcome.

Summer Reading Programme

The following children have been recognised for their outstanding efforts in the Summer Reading Programme, which involved reading and maintaining logs during the Christmas holidays:

Room 2	Alex Henry	Room 3	Darius Fedarb
Room 4	Nathaniel Watson	Room 6	Harley Harwood
Room 7	Jynaia Hewson	Room 8	Mikayla Harwood
Room 9	Natasha Hewson	Room 10	Isaac Williams
Room 11	Brendan Richardson	Room 12	Eleanor Long

Maori Liaison Person

The Board has had difficulty finding a person interested in this important role. Really this role is about building relationships and advising the board where necessary. Not too onerous. If you might possibly be interested please drop by and see (or call) Kevin to see what this role entails.

Te Reo / Tikanga

The opportunity will arise soon for a limited number of children to attend classes which will deepen their knowledge and appreciation of Te Reo and Tikanga. Children would be withdrawn from regular classes for 2 part afternoons a week. If you would like your child to receive a consent form please phone the school office next week. Alternatively please give Kevin a call with any questions.

Innovation Class 2012

Some of you will know that the innovation class this year (Room 9) will not operate on the same basis as in earlier years. The programme is less intensive and will not involve all Room 9 children in the initial stages. There is also no financial cost to parents this year. If you would like to know more about the innovation focus for 2012 you are invited to attend a meeting at 3:15 Wednesday 21 March in the school library. This year's focus is on thinking skills and children will learn simple techniques to think creatively and critically to solve problems and brainstorm ideas. Hopefully these children will lead the rest of the school into becoming more proficient thinkers and processors of information. Please phone the school office next week if you will be at this meeting. If you are interested and cannot make this meeting please give the office a call and request a brochure.

Income and Expenditure Statement - Lonsdale Park Camp

A special thank you to those people who contributed in any way whatsoever to our recent Lonsdale Park Camp. Many of these contributions (time, transport, baking etc) contributed to keeping costs as low as possible. This year there is a surplus on funds of just over \$500 - refer Income and Expenditure Statement accompanying this newsletter. It is our policy to ensure that, where there is a surplus, this is spent on the children involved at some later point. Mr Schuster and Mrs Gunson will thus be planning further outdoor education / extra curricula activities to the approximate value of the remaining money. If any parent would like a refund of \$9.52 they should contact Mr Trehwella within the next couple of weeks please.

Parent / Student Surveys

The launch of these has been delayed one week to allow teachers a little more time to familiarise children with the content of their survey. Survey links will be advertised in next week's newsletter.

Indicator Reports

As these indicate areas of strength and weakness for your child we encourage you to use these as a point of reference throughout the year.

Interschool Swimming Sports

.. is scheduled for 13 March at Whangarei Intermediate School (pp 20.3). Parents of those selected from the zone day will have received confirmation this week. Remember that transport and supervision of children is the responsibility of parents. Please give Mr D a call on Monday if you have any questions.

Headlice

.. remember .. check weekly please.

International Schools English and Maths Competitions

Consent forms for the above competitions will be sent out shortly. Please give careful thought regarding your child's participation this year. The competition is open to all comers but there is little point in participating if children are unlikely to complete a MINIMUM of 5 practice tests in the period building up to the test. Last year a significant number of children did few or no practice tests in spite of being issued with these at school and results reflected this. So .. keen to see as many children as possible onboard for these but only if there is a commitment to do the practice tests. **SO .. IF YOU ARE KEEN FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE INVOLVED PLEASE PHONE THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND REQUEST A CONSENT FORM SOME TIME OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.** Additionally, you are also most welcome to phone Kevin to discuss the tests or to contact your child's teacher to discuss the suitability of these tests for your child.

Bus Children - High Visibility Vests

Please ensure your child has their vest on before they head off in the morning, and we will try our best to ensure they put it on at the end of the day. At a recent assembly children were reminded of the importance of walking away from the roadside, wearing their vest, not playing at the roadside etc - please reinforce this at home and let us know of any great road safety behaviour.

Keeping Ourselves Safe

Please show an interest in what your child is doing and make what they have done a point of discussion in the evening. The programme will particularly focus on what constitutes safe and unsafe behaviour and where to go / what to do when you need help. Children will be taught correct terms for body parts and will be taught to distinguish between good and bad touching. The programme will be facilitated by Jasmine Blundle the Police Education Officer. Jasmine is happy to have parents sit in - just see your child's teacher for times.

Sausage Sizzle

Up and running on a Wednesday. Cost \$1.50 per sausage. Money to senior school fund-raising.

After School Care

All users of this programme are asked to register please. This can be done on line by visiting www.skids.co.nz or alternatively by checking in with the programme manager here at school before the start of ASC. The standard of this programme has been significantly upgraded and large subsidies are available to most users. We hope parents will make full use of this programme to help ensure it is sustainable. Brochures are available from the office.

Matarau School Hockey Team

If your child is interested in playing Hockey and you were unable to register on Wednesday 8th March, there are still places available. For more information please phone Kristine 4335885.

Netball Teams 2012

Information for interested parties will be available shortly. Any questions relating to our netball teams should be addressed to Mrs Marvin please.

Homework

Now up and running in most rooms - please be vigilant at home enforcing a suitable homework time and place. Please let your child's teacher know if you would like them excused from homework at any stage.

Final thought

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

Regards
Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

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Income and Expenditure Statement for the Year 5 and 6 Camp to Lonsdale Park

<u>Income</u>	
Students	56
Price per head	x \$120
Total	\$6,720

<u>Expenditure</u>		
Item	Cost per student	Total cost
Food	\$42.71	\$2,392.18
Accommodation	\$32.14	\$1,800
Amazing Race	\$10.00	\$560
Rubbish reimbursements	.35c	\$20
Teacher equipment reimbursements	\$3.51	\$196.79
Petrol reimbursements	\$7.14	\$400
Teacher reimbursements	\$11.03	\$618
Shared evening (to come)	\$3.57	\$200
Total	\$110.48	\$6,186.97

Remainder	\$9.52	\$533.03
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A Message from our SKIDS Team

Our SKIDS 'Safe Kids in Daily Supervision' would be very pleased to answer any questions you may have in regards to the SKIDS after school program, which is up and running each day. We can now offer fun filled after school supervision until 6pm and remember you could qualify for a subsidy too!

Also, please let it be known to them if you would appreciate an Easter Holiday Program being available for your child. If there are enough numbers this could be something to look forward to. To contact Abby or Hannah text or call 0278461724 or pop into the school hall at the end of the school day. Alternatively you will find information and enrolment forms online at www.skids.co.nz

Community Notices

Wanted – Relief milking or part-time farm work sought. Will consider house as part or full remuneration. Please ph Chelsea 0210302173.

Wanted to Rent – 3 bedroom house, close to outskirts of Kamo North or West, Ph 0210302173.

Dilworth Boarding School – Information evening 7pm, 22 March @ Kamo Intermediate. Full Scholarships available for all Year 5 and up. For further info go to www.dilworth.school.nz or email applications@dilworth.school.nz or ph 095233179 ext 701.

Understanding Epilepsy Seminars – What is Epilepsy, What causes Epilepsy? Triggers, Medication, First Aid, etc, for more info contact 4385498 or 0800202122 or email northland@epilepsy.org.nz.

Girls Brigade – Available to all girls 5-17 yrs old, Programme enables girls to have fun, develop friendships, learn and extend skills, meet challengers and have new opportunities. For more info contact Sheryn Comrie, 4335756.

Kamo Soccer – Taking registrations for children 5 and up. Midweek practices at Kauri School available with teams affiliated with Kamo Soccer. For more info ph Annette Hayes on 4355106 or 0212654835

Looking for something fun to do on alternant Friday nights? If you're between the ages of 9 and 12 then come and enjoy the fun and games at Clark Road Chapel on Friday the 9th of March at 7pm. For more information ring Allison & Gary on 4353788 or Roland & Ruth on 4346088.

Northland Swim for Life – Helps children develop fundamental swimming and survival skills to be safe in and around water. For further info contact Esther Hone-Moore, Sport Northland, 0274141467 or email estherh@sportnorth.co.nz.

Brain Day Seminars – Free Workshops, Saturday 10th March 10.30am-4.10pm, for a full programme go to www.brainweek.co.nz or phone 0508272467.

CHIP Lifestyle Programme - There is a substantial amount of scientific evidence that many western diseases are lifestyle related and therefore potentially preventable and even reversible. The CHIP programme (Complete Health Improvement Programme) has been operating internationally for over 20 years and in the Whangarei area for 4 years. This programme has produced stunning results with many participants recovering a quality of life they would not have imagined possible. Some participants have gone off medication and others attest to the disappearance of many common ailments and an enhanced sense of well-being. This programme is offered as a community service and the cost to participants is minimal (charge only for materials). An Information Hour will be held on, 1st April at 4 p.m. and 23rd April at 7 p.m. to further discuss what this programme can do for you. If you would like to know more about this life changing programme please visit www.chiphealth.com . Phone 433 8933 or 437 3438 for local details and to make a booking for the Information Hour.